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**AMENDMENT AFTER DECISION ON APPEAL TO THE
BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

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Sir:

In response to the Decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences dated May 21, 2008, please amend the Application as indicated below and consider the following Remarks.

No Amendments to the Specification or Drawings are offered at this time.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks are on page 4.